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1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION DURING
NOVEMBER.

2. NOV 2 - TWO PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE TERRORISTS TOOK CONTROL
OF A BUS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL, THREATENED THE DRIVER AND
PASSENGERS WITH WEAPONS, FORCED THEM TO EVACUATE THE BUS AND
THEN SET IT ON FIRE.

- A FIRE BOMB AND SUBVERSIVE LEAFLETS WERE LEFT ON THE
TRACKS OF THE SARMIENTO RR LINE IN BUENOS-AIRES PROVINCE.

NOV. 3 - UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS SEQUESTERED ALEJANDRO FARIAS,
SON OF A LOCAL NONCOMMISSIONED POLICE OFFICER IN LA PLATA,
THREATENED HIM AND QUESTIONED HIM CONCERNING HIS FATHER'S
ACTIVITIES IN THE POLICE DEPT. HE WAS LATER RELEASED.

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- A FEDERAL POLICE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER WAS SHOT AND
WOUNDED BY UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS WHEN HE STOPPED THEIR VEHICLE
TO QUESTION THEM.

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- TWO MALES THREATENED RR PERSONNEL ON DUTY AT PADILLA STA. OF THE BELGRANO RR LINE IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS AND ACTIVATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INSIDE THE TICKET OFFICE WHICH CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES.

- ON THE SAME DATE, 4 ARMED INDIVIDUALS ATTACKED AND THREATENED A POLICE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER AND ROBBED HIM OF HIS WEAPON.

- LEAFLET BOMBS WERE ACTIVATED IN THE SARMIENTO RR LINE IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

NOV 4 - SECURITY FORCES APPREHENDED A SUBVERSIVE AT CANANO COSTERO AND PUENTE RACING IN AVELLANEDA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE SUBVERSIVE, WHEN APPREHENDED, TOOK A CYANIDE PILL, CAUSING HIS DEATH. HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A 9 MM BROWNING AND AM FM GRENADE.

NOV 5 - POLICE BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT DEACTIVATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE SET IN FLORIDA GARDEN SNACK BAR, 586 PARAGUAY STREET, FEDERAL CAPITAL.

NOV 7 - SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS SHOT AND KILLED NAVY PRINCIPAL CORPORAL AMADO MARCELO BENITEZ IN BANFIELD, BS. AS. PROVINCE. ON THE SAME DATE, FOUR ARMED SUBVERSIVES KILLED FEDERAL POLICE OFFICER DOMINGO TEODORO ALDERETE IN BS. AS. PROVINCE.

NOV 8 - IN ROSARIO, SECOND ARMY CORPS ISSUED
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A COMMUNIQUE STATING THE HECTOR JOSE CARRIVALE, WAR NAME HILARIO, OF THE PRT-ERP, HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES IN AN OPERATION IN THAT AREA.

- IN SAN FERNANDO, BS. AS. PROVINCE, A PROVINCIAL POLICE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER WAS ASSAULTED BY THREE ARMED PERSONS WHO DISARMED HIM AND STOLE HIS WEAPON.

NOV 9 - UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS SET A BOMB AT A FORD AGENCY LOCATED ON RIVADAVIA AVENUE, FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED MATERIAL DAMAGE ONLY.

- ON THE SAME DATE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS SET AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT THE VIDAL AUTOMOTORES S.A. CAR AGENCY IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THERE WAS MATERIAL DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES.

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- ZONE I ARMY HQ REPORTED THAT ARMY AND POLICE SECURITY FORCES WERE INVOLVED IN A CONFRONTATION WITH TWO SUBVERSIVES IN QUILMES, BS. AS. PROVINCE. TWO MONTONEROS WERE KILLED AND ONE MEMBER OF THE SECURITY FORCES WAS WOUNDED. TWO WEAPONS AND PROPAGANDA MATERIAL WERE RECOVERED FROM THE SUBVERSIVES.

NOV 10 - AT BURZACO, BS. AS. PROVINCE, SECURITY FORCES WERE INVOLVED IN A CONFRONTATION WITH THREE SUBVERSIVES WHO WERE KILLED. WEAPONS AND GRENADES WERE RECOVERED FROM THE SUBVERSIVES WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED.

- ON THE SAME DATE, IN QUILMES, BS. AS. PROVINCE, SECURITY FORCES ATTEMPTED TO APPREHEND AN UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE AND QUESTION HER. AS THEY APPREHENDED HER, SHE TOOK A CYANIDE PILL, RESULTING IN HER IMMEDIATE DEATH.

NOV 14 - UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS OPENED FIRE ON THE POLICE SUPERIOR COLLEGE AT GUAYAQUIL AND RIGLOS STS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

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NOV 15 - SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS SET AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT A BRANCH OF THE BANCO DE CREDITO ARGENTINO IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED MATERIAL DAMAGE. MONTONERO LEAFLETS WERE LEFT IN THE AREA.

NOV. 16 - UNKNOWN PERSONS SET A BOMB AT THE LASALLE THEATRE, CANGALLO ST. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED MATERIAL DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES.

- A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT A CHEVROLET CAR AGENCY AT 2552 J. B. ALBERDI ST. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE BUT NO PERSONAL INJURIES.

- UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS COMMITTED ACTS OF INDUSTRIAL SABOTAGE IN THE SAFRAR PEUGEOT FACTORY, CAUSING DAMAGE TO VEHICLES BEING ASSEMBLED.

- A BOMB WAS DETONATED IN THE HAEDO POWER PLANT, BS. AS. PROVINCE, WHICH SUPPLIES THE SARMIENTO RR LINE.

NOV 18 - A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL WAS THROWN AT A VEHICLE PARKED IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE OF A FEDERAL POLICE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

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- A BOMB WAS DETONATED IN FRONT OF THE FORD-SERRA-LIMA
CAR AGENCY LOCATED AT CORDOBA AVENUE AND AGUERO ST.
BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT DETONATED THE DEVICE, RESULTING IN
MATERIAL DAMAGE TO THE PREMISES.

- A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT THE PEUGEOT CARY AGENCY AT TRA-
JBAO AVE. AND MURGIONDO ST IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

- A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT A CAR AGENCY LOCATED
ON RIVADAVIA AVE, FEDERAL CAPITAL.

- UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS CUT TELEGRAPH WIRES IN THE AREA
OF THE PELLEGRINI STA OF THE SARMIENTO RR LINE, IN BS.
AS. PROVINCE.

NOV 19 - SECURITY FORCES WERE INVOLVED IN A SHOOTOUT WITH
SUBVERSIVES DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS ON RONDO AND
LACARRA STS, IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. ONE OF THE SUB-
VERSIVES WAS WOUNDED AND THE OTHER ESCAPED.

- POLICE PERSONNEL IN A SHAKEDOWN OF THE SERRANO
HOTEL, 1966 SERRANO ST., FEDERAL CAPITAL, RECOVERED WEAPONS
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AND AN SFM GRENADE IN ONE OF THE ROOMS.

NOV 21 - A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT THE HOUSE OF JUDGE BENJAMIN SANCHEZ BUSTAMANTE SARMIENTO IN SAN JUAN.

NOV 22 - UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS BROKE INTO THE CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE, 155 LINIERS ST, TEMPERLEY, AND STOLE BLANK DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND SEALS

NOV 23 - TWO ARMED INDIVIDUALS ASSAULTED POLICE OFFICER ALFREDO BENITO MARTINEZ OF THE PROVINCIAL POLICE AND STOLE HIS WEAPON AND VEHICLE.

- ON THE SAME DATE, UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS SHOT AT THREE LINE 98 BUSES IN THE AREA OF THE ROCA RR LINE, BS. AS PROVINCE, AND AT BUSES OF LINE 342 IN QUILMES, BS. AS. PROVINCE.

NOV 24 - SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS IN A DODGE 1500 SHOT AT NAVY NC OFFICER JORGE DIAZ IN THE BS. AS. PROVINCE. DIAZ WAS WOUNDED AND REMOVED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL.

- UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS SHOT AT THE HOME OF MR. BOGDAN JEZIOLO IN LAVALLOL, BS. AS. PROVINCE. THE PERPETRATORS OF THE ASSAULT ARE UNKNOWN.

NOV 25 - ARMED INDIVIDUALS BROKE INTO A GARAGE AT 1348 TACAURI ST., FEDERAL CAPITAL, AND STOLE FIVE VEHICLES.

NOTE: ALTHOUGH THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE OFTEN BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO TERRORISTS, SECURITY SOURCES HAVE STATED THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THESE THEFTS.

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- A BOMB WAS DETONATED IN FRONT OF THE IKA-RENAULT CAR AGENCY AT ALBARINOS AND AVENIDA DEL TRABAJO. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL DAMAGE TO THE AGENCY AND THE SURROUNDING HOUSES.

- THREE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS ASSAULTED RETD. SGT. MAJ. LORENZO GRANERO OF THE FEDERAL POLICE, FORCED HIM INTO A VEHICLE AND TOOK HIS I.D. AND PERSONAL DOCUMENTS. SUBSEQUENTLY HE WAS SET FREE.

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- A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE CENTER OF OVERSEAS CAPTAINS AND MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS STATED CAPT. ARIEL CANZANI HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY PERSONS UNKNOWN. HOWEVER, SECURITY SERVICES HAVE NO OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT.

- ON THE SAME DATE, INES DEL CARMEN LEDESMA, WAR NAME GORDA CLOTA, WAS APPROACHED BY SECURITY FORCES IN BS. AS PROVINCE. SHE TOOK A CYANIDE PILL WHICH CAUSED HER IMMEDIATE DEATH. SHE IS IDENTIFIED AS A MILITANT OF THE 25TH COLUMN, SOUTHERN ZONE OF THE MONTONEROS.

NOV 29 - PERSONNEL OF THE BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT REMOVED TWO PIPE BOMBS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN DETONATED FROM THE AREA OF PAVÓN AVE. AND COLOMBRES ST.

NOV 30 - A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT THE HOUSE OF RTED POLICE NONCOM OFFICER JOSE M. RIOLFI. EXPLOSION CAUSED DAMAGED BUT NO INJURIES.

- AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED AT LOPE DE VEGA ST., FEDERAL CAPITAL, WHERE THERE IS AN OFFICIAL SCANIA AGENCY (TRUCKS). THE ATTACKERS ALSO SHOT AT THE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS.

3. RSO COMMENT: THE LEVEL OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN NOV IS CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN PREVIOUS MONTH. FOR THE MOST

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PART, ACTS ARE SPONSORED BY SMALL GROUPS OF 3-4 PEOPLE AND ARE DIRECTED AT GOVT PERSONNEL, SECURITY FORCES AND EXECUTIVES OF BUSINESS COMPANIES. CAR AGENCIES AND THE AUTO INDUSTRY IN GENERAL APPEAR TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY MONTONERO TARGET. SECURITY SERVICES PERSONNEL FEEL THAT MONTONERO ELEMENTS REMAINING IN ARGENTINA ARE FOR THE MOST PART LOW-LEVEL OPERATIVES. THEY EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT THE MONTONEROS MIGHT STAGE A SPECTACULAR TO COMMEMORATE THE MONTE CHINGOLO INCIDENT OF DECEMBER 23, 1975.
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